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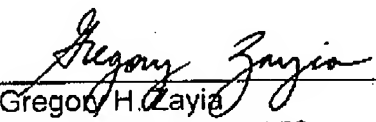
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REMARKS

For examination purposes only, Applicants hereby elect without traverse species I (drawn to a sample analyzer comprising a controller configured to control the pipette washing unit and the washing solution supplier such that the pipette is washed with the washing solution when the analysis result is less than a predetermined value, and the pipette is washed with the acidic solution when the analysis result is equal to or greater than the predetermined value). Claims 26-46 each read on the elected species.

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for further examination on the merits. If the Examiner identifies any additional issues of a formal nature that might be expediently resolved by a telephone discussion, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned agent directly at (312)-321-4257.

Respectfully submitted,



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